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Moderator

SIDNEY A. CONVERSE

Town Clerk

DAVID A. GRANT

Selectmen

GEORGE A. PUSHEE ARTHUR M. BURR
SIDNEY A. CONVERSE

Treasurer

DAVID A. GRANT

Overseer of the Poor

GEORGE A. PUSHEE

School Board

ELMER F. MORRILL ARTHUR E. DERBY
MARY A. CHASE

Tax Collector

ELMER F. MORRILL

Road Agent

MILTON L. WING

Trustees of Trust Funds

GEORGE A. PUSHEE WARREN J. SHATTUCK
SIDNEY A. CONVERSE

Auditors

ARAD J. WARREN EZRA B. ALDEN

Supervisors

PAYSON E. FAIRFIELD ARAD J. WARREN
EZRA B. ALDEN

Library Trustees

ROLAND M. MORRISON AUBURN L. SIMMONS
MRS. F. E. WEST FRANK A. CHESLEY
ARTHUR E. DERBY MRS. C. C. FAIRFIELD
GEO. W. WEYMOUTH MRS. L. A. ALDEN, Treas.
HENRY S. PUSHEE

Constable

WALTER H. FRENCH

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lyme, in the County of Grafton, in said State, quailfied to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notfied to meet at the Church Hall in said Lyme on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To elect three selectmen, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year, and to choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of town officers as printed.

3. To see what order the town will adopt in relation to the savings bank tax the ensuing year.

4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

5. To raise such sums of money as may be thought necessary for making and repairing highways and bridges the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

6. To see what action the town will take in relation to planking the North Thetford bridge and raise and appropriate money for the same.

7. To raise such sums of money as may be thought necessary for the support of the Town Library and to make appropriation of the same.

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $150 for improvements in and care of the town cemeteries for the ensuing year.

9. To see if the town will vote to allow bank discount on all taxes paid before Nov. 1st, 1921.

10. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chapter 57, Public Statutes, in regard to the distribution of inventory blanks.

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1485, the amount necessary to secure State Aid, for permanent roads. If the town will raise $1485 the State will appropriate $594.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1125 for maintenance of State Aid roads. If the town will raise $1125 the State will appropriate $1125.

13. To see what action the town will take in regard to the Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Hanover, N. H., and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

14. To see what action the town will take in regard to fencing the new cemetery, and to raise and appropriate money for same.

15. To see what compensation the town will allow its various officers the ensuing year.

16. To see what action the town will take in regard to preventing the spread of the White Pine Blister Rust, and to see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for carrying out of said work.

17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the G. A. R. the ensuing year.

18. To take the sense of the legal voters in regard to the proposed amendments resubmitted by the Constitutional Convention.

Given under our hands and seal the eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

GEORGE A. PUSHEE,
SIDNEY A. CONVERSE,
Selectmen of Lyme.

TAXES 1920

State tax	$3,179.00
County tax	1,372.95
Town charges	1,500.00
Highways and bridges	5,000.00
Planking E. Thetford bridge	1,500.00
State Aid maintenance	850.00
Trunk Line maintenance	2,500.00
State Aid construction	460.00
Support of schools	4,950.70
School supervision	599.33
High School tuition	1,375.00
Insurance on School Buildings	10.00
School officers	266.00
Repairs on School Buildings	500.00
Town Library	200.00
Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital	200.00
Town debt	100.00
Cemeteries	150.00
Band concerts	50.00
Overlay	1,199.14
Total tax	$25,962.12

INVENTORY EXCLUSIVE OF EXEMPTIONS—1920

Real estate		$710,325.00
Horses, 362		49,915.00
Asses and mules, 2		200.00
Oxen, 14		2,100.00
Cows, 947		70,730.00
Other neat stock, 383		19,205.00
Sheep, 299		2,620.00
Hogs, 31		705.00
Fowls, 2365		4,730.00
Portable mills, 10		2,775.00
Wood, lumber		74,150.00
Money on hand, at interest		13,215.00
Stock in trade		35,070.00
Aqueducts		700.00
Mills and machinery, 2		3,700.00
Amount of taxable property		$990,140.00
Polls, number 14 at 3,		
" 228 at 5 Total $1182		
Amount of taxes committed to collector		$25,962.12
Average rate of taxation,	$2.50	

BUDGET FOR 1921

Estimated 1921	*Appropriation* 1920
General government, $1200 in addition to savings bank tax.	General government, $1500 in addition to savings bank tax.
Highways and bridges, $4000.	Highways and bridges, $5000.
Town library, $200.	Town library, $200.
Town cemeteries, $150.	Town cemeteries, $150.
State Aid maintenance, $1125.	Trunk Line maintenance, $2500.
State Aid construction, $1485.	State Aid maintenance, $850.
Planking North Thetford bridge, $1000.	State Aid construction, $460.
G. A. R., $25.	Planking East Thetford bridge, $1500.

If the town appropriates the above amounts for State Aid roads the State will appropriate

State Aid road maintenance	$1125
State Aid road construction	594

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer		$3,788.31
Cash in hands of Guy A. Roberts, "Patrolman"		48.25
Bills Due Town		
Taxes Purchased by the Town		
Levy of 1914	$ 9.84	
Levy of 1917	31.87	
Levy of 1918	43.78	
Levy of 1919	8.83	
Levy of 1920	130.02	
		224.34
Accounts Due the Town		
Due from State		
Joint Highway Accounts, unexpended balances		4,359.50
Total assets		$8,420.40

Liabilities

Accounts owed by the town

Bills outstanding	$ 200.00	

Due School District

Dog licenses	$153.51	
Appropriation	1,425.33	

State and Town Highway Accounts

Unexpended balances in state treasury	$4,359.50	
Unexpended balances in town treasury	1,490.15	
Total liabilities		$7,628.49
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)		791.91
Grand total		$8,420.40

Schedule of Town Property

Town Library

Furnishings	$ 311.00	
Equipment including books	2,925.00	
Fund	200.00	

Highway Department

Road tools	$100.00	

Other Property

Herbert H. Barnes, free bed	$5,000.00	
		8,536.00

Current Revenue Receipts

From Local Taxes

Amount committed to collector	$25,962.12
Amount extra tax collected	26.00
	$25,988.12

Less discounts, $192.67, abatements, $67.00	259.67	
Amount actually collected	25,728.45	
Amount of taxes redeemed	39.70	
		$25,768.15

From State for Highways

State aid maintenance	$ 777.83	
State aid construction	295.28	
Trunk line maintenance	1,895.46	
Trunk line construction, Fed. aid	6,606.58	
		9,575.15
Insurance tax	$ 15.75	
Railroad tax	55.04	
Savings Bank tax	1,027.82	
High School tuition rebate	267.69	
Bounties	34.00	
		1400.30

From Local Sources, Except Taxes

Dog licenses	$228.51	
Business licenses	6.00	
Automobile permits	378.27	
Hay sold	30.00	
Lumber sold	253.20	
Coal sold	64.00	
Dynamite sold	.65	
Guy A. Roberts, Parker & Young, Fed. Aid, .81 "Old Bill"	11.75	
Filing fee	2.00	
		974.38

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue

Temporary loans	$8,000.00	
Cash on hand at beginning of the year	1,601.79	
		9,601.79
Grand total		$47,319.77

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses—General Government

1	Town officers' salaries	$ 833.70	
2	Town officers' expenses	254.57	
3	Election expense	90.66	
			$ 1,178.93

Protection of Persons and Property

4	Police department	30.00	
	Bounties	34.00	
	Damage by dogs	75.00	
			139.00

Health

5	Health department, including hospitals	200.00	
	Vital statistics	5.25	
	Board of Health	2.25	
			207.50

Highways and Bridges

6	State aid maintenance	1,868.05	
7	Trunk line maintenance	3,024.80	
8	Town maintenance	5,993.33	
9	General expense, including water troughs	27.00	
			10,913.18

Libraries

	Town library appropriation	200.00

Charities

10	Town poor	71.00

Recreation

11	Parks and playgrounds	3.00

Public Service Enterprises

12	Cemeteries	129.88

Unclassified

13	Damages	36.60	
	Parker & Young, Fed aid, 81, Old Bill	11.75	
	Taxes purchased by the town	130.02	
	Guy A. Roberts, overpaid	48.25	
			226.62

Interest

14	Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	231.33	
	Paid on long term note	10.40	
			241.73

Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements

Highways and Bridges

15	State aid construction	1,799.70	
16	Federal aid construction	5,524.85	
			7,324.55

Indebtedness

17	Payment on temporary loan in anticipation of taxes	8,000.00	
	Payment of long term note	1,300.00	
			9,300.00

18 *Payments to Other Governmental Divisions*

Taxes paid to state	3,643.00	
Taxes paid to county	1,372.95	
Payments to school district	8,580.12	
		13,596.07

Total payments for all purposes	43,531.46
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1921	3,788.31
Grand total	$47,319.77

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers

Detail One—Salaries

Payson E. Fairfield, auditor	$ 3.00	
Sidney A. Converse, auditor	3.00	
George W. Barnes, bal. selectman	13.50	
Warren J. Shattuck, bal. selectman	12.06	
George A. Pushee, selectman	144.00	
Arthur M. Burr, selectman	63.00	
Sidney A. Converse, selectman	57.00	
David A. Grant, town clerk	53.56	
Town clerk, fees for auto permits	23.50	
David A. Grant, treasurer	75.00	
Elmer F. Morrill, collector	386.08	
		833.70

Detail Two—Expenses

Edson C. Eastman Co., blanks	14.20	
W. J. Randolph, transfers	3.82	
Dartmouth Press, reports	165.24	
Mrs. Addie Hewes, copying	15.00	
Tax Association, dues	5.00	
George W. Barnes, money paid	3.57	
George A. Pushee, money paid	30.40	
Arthur M. Burr, money paid	2.45	
Sidney A. Converse, money paid	2.40	
David A. Grant, town clerk expense	12.49	
		254.57

Detail Three—Election Expense

Payson E. Fairfield, supervisor	31.50	
Sidney A. Converse, moderator	12.00	
Dartmouth Press, check-lists	24.16	
Luther L. Whittemore, ballot clerk	6.00	
Rent of hall	17.00	
		90.66

Detail Four—Protection Persons and Property

Walter H. French, police, 2 yrs.	30.00	
Charles A. Gilbert, sheep killed	75.00	
Bounties	34.00	
		139.00

Detail Five—Health Department

Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital	200.00	
G. W. Weymouth, returning births and deaths	5.25	
G. W. Weymouth, health officer	2.25	
		207.50

Detail Six—State Aid Maintenance

State appropriation, bal. 1919	295.72	
Town appropriation, bal. 1919	295.71	
State appropriation, bal. 1920	850.00	
Town appropriation, bal. 1920	850.00	
Total joint fund		2,291.43

Expended

State disbursements for engineering, culverts, trucks, oil, etc.		312.39
Cash paid to town	777.83	
Town disbursements	1,090.22	
Total joint fund paid by town		1,868.05
Guy A. Roberts		141.00
Guy A. Roberts, mileage		69.20
E. C. Pushee		81.00
Frank A. Pushee		360.00
H. A. Bailey		132.44
Walter S. Pushee		157.55
Clayton H. Claflin		63.55
Walter H. French		67.55
Harvey Balch		63.55
Ed. Jenks		63.55
M. Dewitt		66.67
A. M. Burr		55.55
Howard Degoosh		52.44
Wm. Movelle		29.33
George Thompson		43.55
James Pendergast		42.22
David Laflore, gravel		54.70
Laurence Hutchins		33.33
Hiram Uline		18.00

John Holmes	33.33
Story Melvin	3.50
C. M. Hildreth & Son	20.50
B. & M. R. R.	1.00
John B. Varick	14.62
Lewis Warren	25.33
A. A. Turner	59.30
F. A. Randlett	8.96
Wm. Thompson	32.00
Frank Webb	32.00
H. D. Wilmot	1.33
Harry Day	4.50
Allen Day	4.50
Milton L. Wing	32.00
	$1,868.05

Balance in state treasury	$55.50
Balance in town treasury	55.49

Detail Seven—Trunk Line Maintenance

State appropriation	7,500.00	
Town appropriation	2,500.00	
Total joint fund		10,000.00

Expended

State disbursements for engineering, oil, cement, trucks, etc.		1,300.54
Cash paid to town	1,895.46	
Coal	64.00	
Town disbursements	1,065.34	
Joint fund paid by town		3,024.80

Guy A. Roberts, foreman, also men and teams	1,359.00
Guy A. Roberts, mileage	55.70
Henry Pike	108.00
Eugene Pushee	46.00
Walter S. Pushee	77.75
Alden Bond	18.00
Earl Pike	131.00
Clayton Claflin	52.46

N. E. Telephone Co.	14.60
F. A. Randlett	4.20
Frank S. Hewes, gravel	11.20
S. W. Bates, gravel	23.40
Sanborn Bros., lumber	24.06
Howard Degoosh	27.10
H. D. Wilmot	6.67
Wm. Movelle	18.66
Arthur M. Burr	35.61
Walter French	33.99
Laurence Hutchins	15.67
Leon Young	13.50
Smith Auto Sales Co., supplies	2.62
Lebanon Machine Co., supplies	2.50
Knapp Motor Car Co., supplies	7.18
H. H. Hobbs, work on truck	8.15
W. W. Day	53.50
Allen Day	22.50
Harry Day	18.00
Carl Smith	41.00
Hiram Uline	34.39
Harris Pushee	5.00
Albert Wing	4.50
George Thompson	43.00
Milton Wing	42.66
Frank Webb	42.66
Wm. Thompson	42.66
A. A. Turner, supplies	229.09
Ed. Jenks	11.17
Lewis Warren	11.67
Harvey Balch	13.39
B. & M. R. R., Fgt.	116.42
Henry Bailey	20.44
D. R. Mativia	20.44
Melvin De Witt	6.22
F. E. West, supplies	5.26
N. E. Road Machine Co.	11.00
American Ex. Co.	.75
Frank Pushee	85.32
Story Melvin	15.36
John B. Varick, dynamite	14.63
Bert McEwan	5.26

Frank Webb, lumber		11.49
		$3,024.80
Balance in state treasury	$4,304.00	
Balance in town treasury	1,434.66	

Detail Eight—Town Maintenance

Milton L. Wing, highway agent	642.70
Frank O. Webb	390.66
W. H. Thompson	382.66
Arthur Bryant	203.00
Everett Hall	187.63
Bert Hewes	173.30
James La Deau	78.44
Edd Webb	193.30
Albert Wing	109.78
N. E. Road Machine Co.	11.00
Ex. bill	1.05
E. D. Cutting, nails	.79
Henry Wing	2.00
F. J. Bryant, lumber	7.25
C. A. Hobbs	2.00
F. E. West, supplies	9.97
John Kinsman, gravel	1.20
C. S. Wells	6.90
Charles W. Canfield	3.30
C. P. Dimick	4.00
D. A. Derby	13.41
John Jewell	5.00
E. C. Abbott, supplies	3.50
Earl Pike	11.00
Waldo C. Neily	11.71
F. T. Howard, lumber	29.44
Andrews Bros., lumber	251.38
	$2,736.37

Snow Bills

Milton L. Wing	78.25
Milton L. Wing, expense	1.06
Henry Wing	21.75
Frank Webb	42.10

Elber Wilmot	4.50
Story Melvin	10.50
Charles Evans	78.40
Arthur Chesley	33.60
John Jewell	3.50
Lewis Carr	8.75
Harry Perkins	20.82
Herbert Perkins	21.70
George Perkins	11.55
Archie Perkins	15.40
Walter Lamphere	2.00
Robert Dunbar	62.90
N. F. Sanborn	3.50
E. C. Pushee	7.00
Harry Cummings	14.00
Leo Wilmot	11.45
Everett Hall	19.00
M. A. Waterman	7.00
C. A. Smith	17.00
C. A. Morey	15.23
E. G Webb	12.94
E. M. Cutting	23.45
C. P. Dimick	11.90
Frank Dunbar	25.90
Earl Pike	23.70
C. A. Davis	23.70
C. H. Hutchins	7.00
J. L. Stark	19.25
W. H. Thompson	11.00
O. P. Hall	4.55
John A. King	25.30
Joseph Thompson	25.50
Albert Wing	15.60
Perry Davis	14.00
S. J. Alger	10.85
F. H. Johnson	34.99
W. J. Ackerman	23.16
W. J. Movelle	3.00
F. A. Piper	15.02
Waldo C. Neiley	17.67
Arthur Bryant	20.00
Guy A. Roberts	51.30
W. D. Johnson	29.02

George Rowe	3.85
F. H. Smith	22.75
J. G. Camp	15.00
E. E. Jenks	8.55
L. O. White	20.65
F. A. Bartlett	36.00
Gabriel Elder	5.35
H. M. Pike	8.40
C. N. Goodell	10.85
James La Deau	1.95
D. H. Thompson	8.70
George E. Stark	3.85
Bert Dennis	92.60
A. E. Derby	14.20
Harry McEwan	5.46
Clayton Claflin	5.07
Henry Dike	3.50
Leslie Dike	3.50
F. A. Pushee	30.00
Arthur Burr	3.50
F. J. Bryant	60.18
George Evans	12.45
G. E. Tattersall	5.75
Ray Jackman	3.50
Hiram Uline	6.30
W. S. Pushee	7.00
R. W. Hewes	2.34
F. S. Hewes	2.34
H. H. Hobbs	4.00
Frank Noyes	3.50
W. H. French	3.50
E. C. Perkins	3.50
Bert McEwan	5.46
Charles T. Harrington	7.00
Mark Silloway	3.40
P. A. Follansbee	4.80
F. L. Flinn	5.25
George H. Shattuck	10.15
H. D. Wilmot	32.52
P. G. Ward	4.70
Frank Jenks	9.80
Fred McDonald	11.25
Lee B. Goodrich	34.15

L. O. Waterman	13.20
E. E. DeGoosh	5.20
C. H. Horton	15.00
Maurice Horton	16.00
Arthur Sanborn	1.00
F. H. Bailey	14.98
H. A. Bailey	6.30
S. T. Alger	3.80
Lon Pike	14.00
R. H. Wilson	7.50
Roswell Mativia	15.92
Frank Gregory	14.00
A. J. C. Gray	5.00
L. L. Whittemore	3.50
Geo. A. Pushee	4.65
	$1,646.38

Other Highway Bills Paid

Sidney A. Converse, labor	$10.15	
David A. Grant, labor	1.50	
Robert Dunbar, snow bill	19.70	
Edwin P. Dimick, snow bill	8.40	
George A. Pushee, snow bill	6.55	
Katherine Parks, old bill	36.00	
Herbert H. Holt, storing tools	5.00	
Charles D. Sanborn, lumber	.90	
		$ 88.20

Planking East Thetford Bridge

Milton L. Wing	$ 60.53
Frank O. Webb	81.75
Bert Hewes	42.00
Everett Hall	44.00
Arthur Bryant	14.00
W. H. Thompson	24.00
F. E. West, supplies	52.35

Sanborn Bros., lumber	989.23
Andrews Bros., lumber	214.52
	1,522.38
Received from the town of Thetford	63.20
	$1,459.18

Detail Nine—Water Troughs

Duane W. Small, 2 yrs.	$ 6.00	
Charles H. Horton, 2 yrs.	4.00	
Sewel W. Hewes, 2 yrs.	4.00	
Isaac N. Ellsworth	3.00	
Charles D. Pike	2.00	
John F. Elliott	3.00	
David J. Pushee	3.00	
A. J. C. Gray	2.00	
		$ 27.00

Detail Ten—Charities

Guy A. Roberts, exp. Jane Clement	$ 7.00	
Harry W. Stetson, med. aid Geo. Dunbar	7.50	
Frank E. West, goods for Robt. Dunbar	19.25	
Geo. W. Weymouth, med aid. Sarah Jenks	2.75	
George A. Pushee, overseer's salary	27.00	
George A. Pushee, overseer's expense	7.50	
		$ 71.00

Detail Eleven—Parks and Playgrounds

Herbert W. Dike, care Soldiers' Monument	$ 3.00

Detail Twelve—Cemeteries

Herbert W. Dike, labor	$ 83.58	
Henry N. Dike, labor	16.60	
Leslie H. Dike, labor	12.80	
George A. Brockway, labor	13.70	
James Bond, labor	3.20	
		$ 129.88

Detail Thirteen—Unclassified

Nathan Stolovsky, damage to truck	$ 36.60	
Elmer F. Morrill, taxes bought by the town	130.02	
		$ 166.62

Detail Fourteen—Interest

Dartmouth Natl. Bank, temporary loan	$231.33	
David A. Grant, long term note	10.40	
		$ 241.73

Detail Fifteen—State Aid Construction

State appropriation	$ 552.00	
Town appropriation	1,380.00	
Total joint fund		$1,932.00

Expended

State disbursement for engineering, culverts and truck		$ 256.72
Cash paid to town	$ 295.28	
Town disbursements	1,504.42	
Total joint fund paid by town		$ 1,799.70

Guy A. Roberts	$ 124.00
W. H. French	100.72
Story Melvin	7.00
E. C. Pushee	103.50
H. A Bailey	88.00
David E. Coburn	77.78
W. S. Pushee	229.83
Howard DeGoosh	102.22
D. R. Mativia	66.22
Clayton Claflin	81.72
Harvey Balch	73.72
Edd. Jenks	83.94
Melvin Dewitt	74.66

Arthur M. Burr	59.33
Wm. Movelle	63.55
George Thompson	89.72
Guy Roberts, mileage	51.00
A. A. Turner, supplies	62.35
Albert Wing	13.50
F. A. Pushee	118.22
Harris Pushee	15.00
Everett Hall	13.50
W. J. Barry	9.00
[illegible] Ryan	9.00
A. Paterson	9.00
F. R. Jacobs, supplies	.90
H. Uline	10.00
F. E. West, supplies	20.78
[illegible] Kingston	9.00
Joe Scruton Sr.	8.32
Joe Scruton Jr.	8.00
James Pendergast	14.22
B. & M. R. R., freight	2.00
	$1,799.70

Town over paid, $124.42

Detail Sixteen—Trunk Line Construction. New Bridge

Government appropriation	$5,982.10	
State appropriation	4,667.97	
Town appropriation	1,314.13	
Total		$11,964.20
Paid by the government	$5,982.10	
Paid by the state	4,923.20	
Paid by the town	1,314.13	
Total cost of bridge		$12,219.43
Amount of joint fund paid by town, 1920		$5,524.85
G. A. Roberts		$ 401.50
H. Uline		338.47
Lawrence Hutchins		251.72
John Holmes		164.89

Homer D. Wilmot	94.44
Lewis Warren	142.39
Ed. Jenks	96.33
Harvey Balch	93.22
W. S. Pushee	115.90
W. N. Day	95.28
Walter French	53.55
George Thompson	59.44
[illegible] Pushee	261.25
[illegible]	87.61
[illegible]	91.56
[illegible] Donahue, lumber	20.00
[illegible] ings on	13.50
M. Dewi t	83.39
[illegible] Rober s, milesge	167.95
F. E. Wes', supplies	84.18
D. R. Ma'ivia	64.00
A. M. Burr	133.67
Wm. Movelle	36.22
John White	253.00
John White, car fare	9.77
C. M. Hildreth, supplies	5.10
Lebanon Machine Co.	5.40
D. E. Coburn	8.00
Howard Degoosh	56.00
B. & M. R. R., Fgt.	233.40
A. A. Turner, work and supplies	293.20
Chas. Canfield	9.20
Sanborn Bros., lumber	203.16
F. A. Randlett	44.90
N. E. Telephone Co.	14.05
United Construction Co.	29.25
Daniel Campbell	55.00
Joe Scruton	7.14
A. Patterson	6.50
W. J. Barry	23.50
P. C. Lacourse, lumber	14.04
D. W. Small	175.15
N. P. Clough & Co., lumber	62.94
American Ex. Co.	5.82
F. A. Pushee	61.84
J. B. Varick Co.	2.63
Robert B. Campbell Co.	46.00

H. H. Hobbs	1.00
Carl Smith	119.00
Allen Day	74.50
Harry Day	56.50
Everett Hall	27.00
A. M. Burr	4.50
Earl Pike	61.00
Milton Wing	40.00
Wm. Thompson	170.66
Alden Bond	4.50
Andrews Bros., lumber	73.80
Parker & Young Co., lumber	11.75
Town of Lyme, plank	160.00
E. C. Abbott, supplies	9.75
Fred Marsh	6.00
Frank Webb	4.44
Harris Pushee	30.00
Albert Wing	9.00
D. A. Grant	86.00
	$5,524.85

Detail Seventeen—Payments on Indebtedness

Dartmouth Natl. Bank, temporary loan	$ 8,000.00	
David A. Grant, long term note	1,300.00	
		$ 9,300.00

Detail Eighteen—Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

Taxes paid to state	$ 3,643.00	
Taxes paid to county	1,372.95	
Payments to school districts	8,580.12	
		$13,596.07

DAVID A. GRANT, *Treasurer.*
GEORGE A. PUSHEE,
SIDNEY A. CONVERSE,
Selectmen of Lyme.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of David A. Grant, treasurer and town clerk of the Town of Lyme, the trustees of the public funds, the selectmen, the highway agent, treasurer of the town library and treasurer of the school district of the town of Lyme, and find them correctly cast and each item supported by its proper voucher. Lyme, N. H., Feb. 3, 1921.

ARAD J. WARREN,
EZRA B. ALDEN,
Town Auditors.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF LYME ON FEB. 1, 1921

Showing the Purpose for which each Fund was Created and Disposition of the Same

Date of Creation	CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS Name of Fund and Donor	Amount Principal	How Invested		Income on hand beginning year	Income during year	Expended during year	Balance of income on hand end of year
1908	Clarinda and Alfred Davis—Chas. H. Davis	75.00	Liberty	Bonds	4¼	3.32	3.00	32
1907	Nancy Dimick	50.00	"	"	"	1.10	1.00	.10
1907	Mary Warren	50.00	"	"	" 5.89	2.20	2.00	6.09
1903	Betsey Tinkham	50.00	"	"	" .26	2.22	2.00	.48
1913	Thomas Baker—Sarah W. Long	90.67	"	"	" 7.15	3.96	3.00	8.11
1913	Walter G. Piper	100.00	"	"	" 10.02	4.40	3.00	11.42
1915	Freeman J. Holt—Mrs. Roswell S. Fox	50.00	"	"	" .78	2.2.	2.00	1.00
1915	Isaac P. Holt—Herbert H. Holt	50.00	"	"	" .68	2.22	2.00	.90
1915	John N. Holt—Herbert H. Holt	50.00	"	"	" .50	2.22	2.00	.72
1915	George Swan—Herbert H. Holt	50.00	"	"	" 1.68	2.22	2.00	1.90
1915	Alfred Kittredge Hamilton—A. K. Hamilton	100.00	"	"	" 6.43	4.41	2.00	8.84
1915	Samuel F. Ball & Elisha F. Ball—S. F. Ball	100.00	"	"	" 6.44	4.41	2.00	8.85
1916	Alfred Kittredge Hamilton—A. K. Hamilton	100.00	"	"	" 2.25	4.42	4.00	2.67
1916	Edson Blaisdell—Mrs. Edson Blaisdell	50.00	"	"	" 1.56	2.20	2.00	1.76
1917	Leroy Emery—Leroy Emery	100.00	"	"	" 2.55	4.40	2.50	4.45
1917	Benj. T. Washburn—Katharine Washburn	100.00	"	"	" 6.05	4.40	3.00	7.45
1918	Harris Allen—Mrs. Roswell Fox	25.00	"	"	"	1.12	1.00	.12
1918	William H. Dimick	50.00	"	"	" .22	2.13	2.00	.35
1918	Captain David Turner—Mrs. Julia A. Fitch	25.00	"	"	"	1.10	1.00	.10
1918	David Turner—Frank Turner	75.00	"	"	" .54	3.18	2.00	1.72
1919	Thomas Gilbert—Miss Frances E. Gilbert	$ 200.00	"	"	" 2.40	8.50	3.00	7.90
1919	A. C. & M. C. G. Walker—S. T. & R. G Walker	200.00	"	"	" 1.58	8.50	3.00	7.08
1920	C. M. Dustin—S. A. Willigar	100.00	"	"	"	4.24	3.00	1.24
1920	Wesley Goodell	75.00	Savings	Bank	3½			
1920	Caleb F. Ward	75.00	Savings	Bank	3½			
1921	Elisha P. Ball & Samuel F. Ball—Lestina L. Ball	100.00	Liberty	Bonds	4¼			
	School Fund note	2,683.90	"	"	"	118.54	118.54	
		$4,749.57			56.98	197.63	171.04	83.57

LIBRARY REPORT

Owing to the fact that the books have been classified according to the Dewey Decimal System, and properly catalogued, we are pleased to report that the library is now in fine shape to give good service to the borrowers. The trustees voted to use enough of the O. W. Dimick fund to cover the expense of the work, which was done under the direction of Grace E. Kingsland, Sec. of the State Library Commission, assisted by Mrs. Morrison and several others who did the necessary writing and filing of cards. The card catalog makes it very easy to ascertain just what we have for books and where they are located on the shelves. The librarian is always glad to explain the scheme to anyone and help them to find what they are looking for. It was with much regret that the trustees accepted Mrs. Lizzie Morrison's resignation as librarian in October. She has always shown a keen interest in the library and seemed a part of it, serving us with efficiency and never-failing courtesy. Mrs. Caroline Fairfield also gave up her duties as secretary and treasurer which she has faithfully performed for several years. Mrs. Luella Alden was elected to the office.

JULIA L. MAYO,

Librarian.

Financial Statement

Receipts

Balance at beginning of year	$ 154.03	
Town appropriation	200.00	
From O. W. Dimick fund	211.70	
Fines	8.47	
Other sources	6.18	
Total receipts		$ 580.38

Expenditures

Books	$ 187.66	
Periodicals	1.50	
Binding	27.68	
Salaries, librarian	43.00	
" janitor, 3 months	3.00	
Rent, light, heat, water	15.00	
Supplies and printing	6.28	
Permanent improvements	211.77	
Insurance	44.00	
Express and postage	5.53	
Total expenditures		$ 545.42
Balance on hand		34.96

Resources

Number of bound volumes at beginning of year	3,286
Number of bound volumes added by purchase and gift	230
Total number of volumes owned at end of year	3,516
Number of magazines and newspapers currently received	2

Service

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes of non fiction lent	208	105	313
Number of volumes of fiction lent	2,799	502	3,301
Total circulation for current year	3,007	607	3,614

Number of new borrowers added during year	5
Total number of active borrowers during the year	132

LYME SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Lyme, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Church Hall, in said district on the 8th day of March 1921, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of Schools.

8. To see if the District will vote to accept the estimate of the School Board for High School and Academy tuitions.

9. To see what compensation the District will allow its officers for the ensuing year and raise and appropriate money therefor.

10. To see if the District will vote to raise and ap-

propriate a sum sufficient to meet the excess salary of the Superintendent and cover expenses of administration.

11. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for repairs on School Buildings the present school year.

12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for excess salary of Superintendent and cover other expenses of administration for the present school year.

Given under our hands at said Lyme this 17th day of February, 1921.

ELMER F. MORRILL
ARTHUR E. DERBY
MARY A. CHASE
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—ATTEST:

ELMER F. MORRILL
ARTHUR E. DERBY
MARY A. CHASE
School Board

BUDGET AND ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS

For Fiscal Year Beginning September 1, 1921.

1. *Budget.*

(a)	For support of schools	$7,700.00
(b)	For purchase of text-books and scholars' supplies	450.00
(c)	For the payment of tuitions of high schools and academies	1,000.00
(d)	Total amount required for above items	9,150.00
(e)	Estimate of amount of $5.00 tax on the 1921 inventory.	4,602.97

2. *Requirements to Meet Budget.*

(a)	For the support of schools	8,150.00
(b)	For payment of high school and academy tuitions	1,000.00
	Total for support of schools and payment of tuitions	9,150.00

3. *Assessment Required.*

(a)	For the support of schools, purchase of books and supplies and the payment of tuitions	9,150.00
(b)	For the payment of the per capita tax	300.00

4. *Local Expenses.*

(a)	For salaries of officers, expenses of administration and superintendent's excess salary	500.00

Additional Sums necessary to complete the school year to September 1, 1921.

(a)	Superintendent's salary	100.00
(b)	For general repairs and alterations of school buildings to meet state requiremnts	700.00

GRADUATES—JUNE 1920.

Plain Schools

Grant Pushee Balch, Ralph Wright Hewes, Thelma Gertrude Melvin, Pauline Elisabeth Whittemore, Margaret Ruth Elder

Center Schools

Doris Hazel Dennis, Doris Belle Jenks, Kenneth James Ladeau

Chesley Schools

Henry Nathan Wing, Frances Elisabeth Wing, Vernon Leroy Hall, Edith Ethlyn Hall, Herbert Irenus Perkins

King Schools

Daniel Charles Davis, Viola Louise Davis

Pond Schools

Ruth Margaret Pushee, David Jeffers Pushee, Sarah Elisabeth Pushee, Jennie Marguerite Temple

Stetson Schools

Dorothy Anne DeGoosh

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

FirstTerm

Frances E. Dike
Rachel Pike
Harry A. Roberts
Grant Balch
Chester Jenks
Beth Pushee
Julia E. Pushee
Vivian H. Wilmot
Kenneth Rennie
Helen Coburn
Hazel Hutchinson
Ina Bombard
Annie M. Chesley
Alan W. Grant
Harold S. Franklin
Alberta Uline
Dorothy Henry
Morton Bailey
Martin A. Camp
Sylvia J. Wilmot
Jennie Temple
Marion Hanchett
Alvah Coburn
Kenneth Follansbee
Frank A. Chesley
Harold M. Chesley

SecondTerm

Frances E. Dike
Alberta Uline
Dorothy Henry
Ira Small
Edith Watson
Beth Pushee
Vivian H. Wilmott
Marion Hanchett
Ethel Temple
Althea Wardrobe
Alvah Coburn
Ina Bombard
Florence DeGoosh
Harold M. Chesley
Rachel Pike
Grant Balch
Ina Burnham
Edwin West
Chester Jenks
Sylvia J. Wilmott
Walter Ward
Kenneth Rennie
Grace Warren
Helen Coburn
Frank A. Chesley
Lillian Gregory
Annie M. Chesley

Third Term

Florence E. Dike
Rachael Pike
Charlotte Wise
Grant Balch
Ira Small
Helena DeWitt
Thelma Melvin
Sylvia J. Wilmott
Margaret I. Wilmott
Daniel C. Davis
Ervill Davis
Walter Ward
Olyph Pushee
Hazel Hutchinson
Lillian Gregory
Frank A. Chesley
Harold M. Chesley
Ruth E. Perkins
Frances E. Wing
Forrest R. Perkins
Gilbert Pike
Harry Small
Alberta Uline
Dorothy Henry
Edith Watson
Ralph Hewes
Charles Webb
Vivian H. Wilmott
Kenneth I. Wilmott
Viola Davis
Jennie Temple
Augusta Pushee
Althea Wardrobe
Ina Bombard
Florence DeGoosh
Annie M. Chesley
Della E. Bryant
Edith E. Hall
James B. Perkins

For the Entire Year

Florence E. Dike
Alberta Uline
Dorothy B. Henry
Annie M. Chesley
Ina Bombard
Vivian H. Wilmott
Rachael Pike
Grant P. Balch
Frank A. Chesley
Harold M. Chesley
Sylvia J. Wilmott

FINANCIAL REPORT

for the

Fiscal year beginning September 1, 1919, and ending August 31, 1920

Receipts

From State:			
For qualified teachers		$ 180.00	
High school tuition rebate		99.00	
Equalization (State Aid)		2,260.03	
			$ 2,539.03
From selectmen, raised by taxation:			
For elementary schools, ($5 tax)	$4,602.97		
Supt's. salary	133.33		
High school and academy tuition	735.00		
Salaries of district officers	200.00		
Repairs and remodeling	100.00		
State tax—$2 per capita	320.00		
Insurance	10.00		
	6,101.30		
Amount overdrawn 1918-1919	426.20		
		5,675.10	
Appropriation of 1920		488.69	
			$ 6,163.79
From sources other than taxation:			
Dog tax		$ 194.75	
Elementary school tuition		25.00	
Income from local trust funds		59.27	
			279.02
Total			$ 8,981.84

Payments

Administration:		
Salaries of district officers	$ 166.12	
Superintendent's excess salary	133.33	
Truant officers and school census	20.00	
Expenses of administration	85.66	
		$ 405.11

Instruction:		
Teachers' salaries	5,642.20	
Text books	269.00	
Scholars' supplies	101.83	
Other expenses of instruction	263.70	
		6,276.73
Operation and maintenance of school plant:		
Janitor service	246.65	
Fuel	361.95	
Janitors' supplies	17.29	
Minor repairs and expenses	230.31	
		856.20
Auxiliary agencies and special activities:		
Medical inspection	59.50	
Transportation of pupils	132.00	
High school and academy tuition	892.30	
		1,083.80
Fixed charges:		
Insurance	40.00	
State tax ($2 per capita)	320.00	
		360.00
Total		$ 8,981.84

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES

Administration

Salaries of District Officers:		
Arthur E. Derby	$ 40.00	
Elmer F. Morrill	45.00	
Mary A. Chase	50.00	
David A. Grant	31.12	
		166.12
Superintendent's Salary:		
Arthur E. Derby, Treas.	133.33	
		133.33
Truant Officer and School Census:		
Earl C. Perkins	20.00	
		20.00
Expenses of Administration:		
J. L. Hammett & Co.	20.80	
Catherine A. Dole	5.35	
Elmer F. Morrill	.50	
Mrs. E. B. Alden	3.20	
R. E. Lane	.56	
Arthur E. Derby	15.72	
David C. Grant	8.88	
Mary A. Chase	10.30	
Edson C. Eastman & Co.	20.35	
		85.66

Instruction

Teachers' Salaries:	
Grace I. Mardin	540.00
Lizzie G. Morrison	16.00
Mrs. B. H. Bartlett	349.20
Martha E. Lamphere	616.00
Grace LaCoss	520.40
Harriet A. Balch	652.00
Laura H. Tenney	504.00
Ruth E. Munn	550.40
Alice E. Clark	319.60

Dorothea Hubbard	44.20	
Willard R. Harris	464.40	
Lurline Blodgett	418.00	
Mary E. Kemp	648.00	
		5,642.20
Text Books:		
Ginn & Co.	50.36	
American Book Co.	24.14	
A. S. Barnes & Co.	12.83	
Beckley, Cardy Co.	2.49	
Little, Brown & Co.	15.38	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	26.59	
World Book Co.	10.05	
Rand, McNally & Co.	14.58	
Hinds, Hayden & Eldregde	53.50	
Longmans, Green & Co.	13.96	
C. E. Merrill & Co.	7.83	
Atkinson, Mentzer & Co.	.30	
Arlo Publishing Co.	11.86	
John C. Winston & Co.	5.16	
F. A. Owen & Co.	4.62	
G. W. Lewis & Co.	15.35	
		269.00
Scholars' Supplies:		
J. L. Hammett & Co.	16.73	
Catherine A. Dole	1.98	
Milton Bradley Co.	71.35	
A. N. Palmer Co.	.76	
Ginn & Co.	1.06	
W. R. Paper Co.	9.95	
		101.83
Other Expenses of Instruction:		
Mrs. E. F. Morrill	262.50	
Russell Sage Foundation	1.20	
		263.70

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant

Janitor Service:		
Ivan Tattersall	$ 1.50	

Ralph Hewes	26.95	
Daniel Davis	1.20	
Benj. Smith	23.75	
Arad J. Warren	31.85	
Sylvia J. Wilmot	23.70	
Doris Jenks	15.90	
Lucy Webb	25.50	
C. D. Webb	1.00	
Geo. Shattuck	17.65	
Chester Jenks	2.25	
Frank Chesley	10.00	
Della Bryant	8.30	
Grace LaCoss	4.00	
Dennie C. Smith	14.25	
Elmer J. Follansbee	15.00	
Chester Jenks	5.85	
Jennie Temple	18.00	
		$ 246.65
Fuel:		
Frank O. Webb	$ 1.50	
Elmer J. Follansbee	7.00	
David Pushee, Jr.	2.00	
Harry Hobbs	50.00	
Arthur B. Chesley	100.00	
Leslie J. Temple	5.00	
Chas. N. Goodell	10.00	
Roy E. Balch	2.25	
Fred J. Bryant	1.00	
Edwin H. Perkins	80.00	
Senior P. Gilbert	6.50	
Ralph A. Lamphere	16.00	
Perry Malivia	7.00	
Ed. Webb	2.00	
Dorance LaCoss	2.00	
Ora P. Hall	64.00	
Harry Perkins	5.70	
		361.95
Janitor Supplies:		
Fred J. Randlett	10.61	
Frank E. West	6.68	
		17.29

Minor Repairs and Expenses:

Enoch Smith	2.00	
John L. Searles	1.25	
Frank Flinn	8.80	
Earl C. Perkins	1.25	
Elmer F. Morrill	1.28	
Charles N. Goodell	1.00	
Arthur E. Derby	4.31	
Parker & Young Co.	119.75	
Geo. W. Thomas	4.00	
C. M. Hildreth & Son	19.00	
Elmer J. Follansbee	3.00	
Frank E. West	11.42	
Grace LaCoss	2.00	
Arthur P. Chesley	25.00	
Martha Lougee	3.75	
Jane Clement	7.00	
Ethel Bailey	2.50	
Goldia Ackerman	2.00	
Mrs. Henry A. Bailey	3.50	
Jason Camp	2.00	
Mrs. Alice King	1.00	
Delia Bryant	1.50	
Grace LaCoss	3.00	
		230.31

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities

Medical Inspection:

Geo. W. Weymouth, M. D.	$ 59.50	
		$ 59.50

Transportation of Pupils:

Leo. A. Wilmot	34.00	
Maud Dennis	66.00	
Albert B. Dennis	32.00	
		132.00

High School and Academy Tuition:

Kimball Union Academy	420.00	
Tilton Seminary	165.00	
Hanover Special District No. 1	40.00	
Laconia	37.80	

Lebanon	193.50	
Bradford Academy	36.00	
		892.30

Fixed Charges

Insurance:		
Arad J. Warren	$ 40.00	
		$ 40.00
State Tax ($2 per capita):		
J. W. Plummer, Treas.	320.00	
		320.00
Total payments		$8,981.84

DAVID A. GRANT,
Treasurer.

ELMER F. MORRILL,
ARTHUR E. DERBY,
MARY A. CHASE,
School Board of Lyme.

EXPENDITURES FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1920, TO JANUARY 31, 1921

Salaries of district officers	$ 175.00
Truant officer and school census	16.57
Expense of administration	13.42
Teachers' salaries	3,930.44
Scholars' supplies	155.84
Other expenses of instruction	93.00
Janitor service	105.35
Fuel	105.70

Building and janitor supplies	4.98	
Minor repairs and expenses	189.85	
Transportation of pupils	73.00	
High school and academy tuition	598.40	
Alteration of old buildings	608.36	
State tax—$2 per capita	294.00	
		$ 6,363.91

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board of Lyme:

I beg to submit the following report on the condition and progress of the schools.

At the outset, I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to Miss Dole, my predecessor, for assistance in gaining initial information in regard to the situation. I also wish to say that while the one year that Miss Dole served as superintendent was all too short to put into effect all her plans, yet in spite of that fact and the additional fact that the last year was one of unusual severity, causing considerable interruption in the school work, Miss Dole accomplished a great deal for the schools of Lyme, and opened the way for further progress and improvement. It is interesting to note how the teachers who served under Miss Dole react to her leadership. Lyme was very fortunate to have so efficient and progressive a superintendent as the first under the new law.

Teachers

Eight of the ten teachers in town are experienced teachers and taught in Lyme schools last year. The town is fortunate to retain these tried and experienced teachers. As it has been thought best to close the Pond and Chesley schools and transport the few pupils in each, no teachers had been provided for these schools. At the last moment it was decided to open them, and then it was some time before teachers could be found for them. Mrs. Neily, in the meanwhile, was persuaded to open the Chesley school, and she continued to teach it very acceptably until the last of November. Miss Donahue and Miss Poland who were finally engaged to teach these schools, not having had training or experience, were required by regulation of the State Department to spend four weeks at Keene Normal School in preparation for their work. Miss Walbridge of the Plymouth Normal School substituted during this time in the Pond school.

Mr. Harris, principal of the Center Grammar School, has been given release for the Winter term, or as long as may be necessary, that he may serve in the legislature, to which he was elected in November. During his absence, Mr. Pike of Lyme is taking his place in the school.

The teacher is the most important factor in the school situation. A good teacher means a good school, while a poor teacher is not likely to produce good results under any circumstances. Hence, every effort should be made to retain the good teacher, and to this end, not only the school conditions and salary, but also the social and living conditions should be made as attractive as possible. Frequent changes of teachers not only interrupt the continuity of the work, but in so doing often destroy the interest of the pupils, which is so vital to successful work.

Buildings

The buildings have received considerable attention. None of them yet model in all particulars. What has been done is largely in the direction of improving the lighting. Further attention should be given to the matter of heating and ventilating, and also to sanitary conditions. These things can be done progressively, so that the expense may not be burdensome in any one year.

The rooms are not only the work-shops of the teachers and pupils for the greater part of the day, but they are their living rooms for that time, and should be as light, airy, and pleasant as possible. The condition of the school buildings is important not only as affecting the school work, but in the interest of health and the development of civic pride.

Books and Supplies

The books in the several schools were found to be in a rather unsatisfactory condition. Much had been done last year to improve matters in this particular, and quite a good many new books have been purchased this year, and yet much remains to be done. Too many of the available books are either much out of date, or so worn as to be unusable. This condition may best be remedied by a plan of gradual replacement.

Like everything else the books and supplies have so

increased in cost that it is necessary to practice every economy possible in their use. It is not economy, however to use out of date books or those too badly worn.

Attendance

In some of the schools the attendance has been this year very regular, with all the consequent good results, on the other hand, a few schools have suffered from irregular attendance. Good work cannot be done by pupils who are irregular in attendance, and furthermore the entire school, where there is more or less absence, must suffer in consequence. It is of the utmost importance that children should be taught to be regular and prompt in this matter. The law very properly holds the parent or guardian responsible, and fixes a severe penalty for keeping out, or allowing a child to be out of school for any purpose or reason other than sickness. Only in persistent and wilful cases is it best to resort to the courts to secure the enforcement of the law. Most parents will immediately see the wisdom of the requirement, and for the sake of the children are glad to conform to it.

I want to ask the hearty cooperation of all parents to the end that the children may receive the greatest possible good from the schools.

The following facts, reported to the State Department at the end of the last school year, should be of interest:

Total number of pupils registered during the year	143
Average membership	126.89
Average daily attendance	117.96
Average daily absence	8.93
Per cent of attendance	93.08
Number not absent or tardy for the year	11

The attendance record as given above is very creditable, particularly when the severity of the winter is taken into consideration. There is, however, a very considerable difference in the attitude of the different communities in the matter of attendance. The matter of regular attendance rests almost entirely with the home. Pupils will be in school regularly and on time if parents wish it and insist upon it. There is no way in which the home can cooperate with the school more effectively than in this matter.

State Aid

We are now about half through the second year under the new school law. This law, enacted by the legislature two years ago, is by far the most constructive piece of school legislation ever enacted by the State. Its principal purpose was to equalize school privileges, and incidentally to equalize the burden of school expense. To accomplish the latter object, no town is required to raise for the support of elementary schools more than $5 on a thousand of its valuation. Whatever the elementary schools need to cost more than that is to be paid by the State. The law undoubtedly has defects, some of which will probably be rmedied at the present session of the legislature. It is unfortunate, however, that some criticism has been made of the law, pricipally because of the increased cost of the schools, just as if that increased cost was due to the operation of the law and not to the tremendous increase in prices since the enactment of the law. The increased cost of fuel, labor, books and supplies, teachers' salaries, and practically everything that goes to make the expense of the schools is in no way related to the school law. Whatever slight increases were caused by the law are trifling compared with what should be the returns for them.

Lyme is one of the towns that receive state aid. Last year the town received $2,260.03 to be applied toward the expense of its schools. This year it has been alloted $4,156.33 for the same purpose. On account of similar increases in the demands throughout the state, there is not money enough available from the appropriation made two years ago to pay this amount, but it is expected that the legislature will make the necessary appropriation to enable the state to pay the obligation in full. Should the legislature fail in this particular, then one of two things will be necessary. either the town will have to raise and appropriat at the annual school meeting an amount sufficient to complete the year, or the school year will have to be shortened. The former would place an added burden, almost unjust, upon the taxpayers, and the latter would be a serious injustice to the children. It is to be hoped that neither will be necessary.

Suggestions

In addition to the suggestions I have already made in regard to the retention of good teachers, in regard to the text-books, in regard to school buildings etc., I would also suggest that in several cases, the school buildings may be used as social centers, and thus be made of greater value to the community, and incidentally create interest in the schools. The school-home garden idea should be encouraged, not simply as an economic measure, but for the educational value that attaches to that work. Thrift should be taught in various ways, but particularly by encouraging the buying of thrift and war saving stamps.

And finally, I would suggest that particular attention be given to the matter of consolidation for two reasons, economy and efficiency. Five, or one half of the schools in town, have from 6 to 9 pupils each. To maintain five schools to educate 40 or less pupils is a very expensive method, but that is not the most objectionable feature. Such small schools are apt to be lacking in efficiency. The children miss something that comes only when larger groups are working together. I may not understand the situation sufficiently clearly yet to advise in this matter, but it would seem that some consolidation might be made that would result both in a saving of expense and in affording the children better school privileges.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I wish to say that the schools are doing on the whole very satisfactory work. The teachers are working faithfully and with good enthusiasm. The pupils are responding well, and in the main, the homes are co-operating splendidly. I have every reason to expect that the year's work will be satisfactorily completed.

I wish to thank the members of the Board for hearty and sympathetic cooperation in everything that pertains to the welfare of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CUTTS

VITAL STATISTICS

OF THE

TOWN OF LYME, N. H.

Births Registered in the Town of Lyme for Year Ending December 31, 1920.

Date 1920	Place of Birth	Name of the Child if any	Sex	Living Stillborn	No. Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age, Father	Age, Mother
Feb. 23	Lyme	Pansie Hattie	F	L	8	W	Carleton A. Smith	Ida M. Bressett	W	Lyme	Farmer	Lyme	Hanover	46	35
Feb. 28	Lyme	Ray Allen	M	L	5	W	Hiram Uline Jr.	Grace M. Gilbert	W	Lyme	Laborer	Lyme	Littleton	36	32
Mar. 26	Lyme	James Hamilton	M	L	4	W	Leon F. Young	Louise Columbia	W	Lyme	Laborer	Burke,NY	St.Albans,Vt.	32	26
May 22	Lyme	Lena May	F	L	7	W	Arthur Chesley	Monte Thompson	W	Lyme	Farmer	W.Fairlee,Vt.	So.Ham Cana	37	30
Aug. 4	Lyme	Leila Roxanna	F	L	9	W	Leo A. Wilmot	Fannie M. Chapin	W	Lyme	Farmer	Lyme	S.Boston,Mass	34	31
Aug. 8	Lyme	Anita Ida	F	L	1	W	Carlos S. Judd	Edith M. Mativia	W	Bradford,Vt.		Franconia	Lyme	26	20
Aug. 15	Lyme	Pauline Pushee	F	L	2	W	Harris A. Pushee	Inez Clark	W	Lyme	Carpenter	Lyme	Plainfield	28	28
Sept. 6	Lyme	Una Grace	F	L	2	W	Mark Silloway	Grace Follansbee	W	Lyme	Laborer	Fairlee,Vt.	Hartland,Vt.	33	33
Sept. 21	Lyme	Garnet Winona	F	L	1	W	John A. King	Clara A. Chesley	W	Lyme	Farmer	Dorchester	W.Fairlee,Vt.	39	29
Oct. 2	Lyme	David Carleton	M	L	5	W	Carlton E. Pike	Blanche Pushee	W	Lyme	Teacher	Boston,Mass	Lyme	43	30
Oct. 13	Lyme		F	L	3	W	Earle N.Prescott	Viola Hutchinson	W	Lyme	Laborer	Bradford, Vt.	Lisbon	21	23
Oct. 29	Lyme	Charles Chester	M	L	1	W	Chester D. Pike	Polly C. Camp	W	Lyme	Farmer	Lyme	Lyme	26	28
Nov. 8	Lyme	Horace Earle	M	L	4	W	Earl H. Pike	Myrtle L. Coates	W	Lyme	Farmer	Lyme	Corn Hill,NB	21	29
Dec. 24	Lyme	Ray Alanson	M	L	3	W	Homer D Wilmot	Flora M. Wing	W	Lyme	Farmer	Lyme	Lyme	28	22

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Marriages Registered in the Town of Lyme for Year Ending December 31, 1920.

Date 1920	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	Single, Married or Widowed	No. Marriage	Name, Residence and official Station of Person by Whom Married
Mar. 4	Orford	Frank D Marsh	Orford	24	W	Laborer	Orford	Daniel C. Marsh Delia Smith	W.Fairlee,Vt. Corinth,Vt.	Farmer Housewife	D	2	Charles F. Atkins Clergyman Orford
		Ina Strue	Lyme	21	W	Domestic	Lyme	Wm. Strue Cora Lovejoy	Lyme Lyme	Laborer Housewife	S	1	
May 10	Orford	Carlton L. Veeder	Cuttyhunk,M	23	W	Fisherman	NewBedford,M	Frank B. Veeder Sadie Keeney	New Bedford,Mass New Bedford,Mass	Fisherman Housewife	S	1	Charles F. Atkins Clergyman Orford
		Francis E.Ackerman	Lyme	17	W	At Home	Orford	Wm.J.Ackerman Esther E. Emery	St Albans,Vt. St Albans,Vt.	Farmer Housewife	S	1	
June 23	Lyme	Walter E. Stark	Lyme	21	W	Laborer	Lyme	Geo. E. Stark Alice M. Chaffin	Lyme Newport	Farmer Housewife	S	1	Winfield G. Hubbard Clergyman Lyme
		Reine K. Mooney	Canaan	23	W	At Home	Canaan	Arthur E. Mooney Ada E. Wells	Canaan Canaan	Farmer Housewife	S	1	
June 30	Thetford,Vt.	Guy C. Brockway	Lyme	28	W	Farmer	Lyme	Geo A. Brockway Nellie E. Dimick	Waterbury,Vt. Iron Hill, PQ	Farmer Housewife	S	1	William Slade Clergyman Thetford, Vt.
		Mary E. Lund	Norwich,Vt.	24	W		Norwich,Vt.	Geo. R. Lund Sarah Ricker	E. Haven,Vt. Tingwick, Canada	Housewife	S	1	
Sept. 1	Meriden	Ralph D. Small	Lyme	20	W	Chauffeur	Cornish	Duane M. Small Lucy M. Lobdell	Brownsville,Vt. Pierpont, NY	Miller Housewife	S	1	Winfield G.Hubbard Clergyman Plainfield
		Ida D. Young	Lyme	19	W	At Home	Burke,NY	Ira Young Barbara Carr	Clarenceville,PQ Elgone,Canada	Farmer Housewife	S	1	

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Sept. 7	Lyme	Frank E. Robinson	Winooski,Vt	35	W	Supt.	Colchester,Vt.	Cassius Robinson Hannah Merrill	Rouses Point,N. Colchester,Vt.	Retired Housewife	W	2	William Slade Clergyman Thetford, Vt.
		Marie Reeve	Burlington	33	W	Nurse	Williamston,C	Thomas Reeve Isabel McKenzie	Norfolk, Eng Scotland	Watchman	S	1	
Sept. 18	Lyme	Earle M. Smith	Lyme	21	W	Lumberma	Lyme	Ezra M. Smith Bertha M. Flint	Canaan Lyme	Laborer Housewife	S	1	Geo. M. Woodwell Clergyman Lyme
		Winnie J. Anable	N.Hadley,M	25	W	Laundress	NHadley,Mass	Minnie Anable	N.Hadley,Mass	Housewife	S	1	
Oct. 16	Lyme	Earle H. Pike	Lyme	21	W	Farmer	Lyme	Henry MD Pike Anna Gilbert	Lyme Lyme	Laborer Household	S	1	Payson E. Fairfield Justice of Peace Lyme
		Myrtle L. Bombard	Lyme	29	W	Household	CornHill,NB	Albion A. Coates	Corn Hill,NB	Housewife	D	2	
Oct. 20	Meriden	Clayton H. Claflin	Lyme	20	W	Laborer	Lyme	P.H.A. Claflin Eva M. Turner	Auburn Hebron,Me.	Postmaster Housewife	S	1	Winfield G Hubbard Clergyman Plainfield
		Gladys J. Fellows	Hanover	18	W	At Home	Hanover	Fred A. Fellows Nina A. Camp	Hanover Hanover	Weaver Housewife	S	1	
Dec. 29	Nashua	Perley A. Follansbee	Lyme	22	W	Machinist	W.Fairlee,Vt.	John Follansbee Mary E. DeGoosh	Manchester W.Fairlee,Vt.	Farmer Housewife	S	1	Lawrence L. Barber Clergyman Nashua
		Pearle N. Biathrow	Dorchester,N	18	W	Household	Hanover	Harry Biathrow	Hanover Lebanon	Farmer Housewife	S	1	

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Lyme for Year Ending December 31, 1920.

Date 1920	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth	Male or Femal	Color	Single, Married or Widowed	Occupation	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 19	Lyme	Frank W. Cutting	64	1	20	Broome Can	M	W	W	Wheelwright	Broome,Can	Staten Island	Hollis A. Cutting	Sarah Dimick
Jan. 24	Lyme	Flora A. Elliott	66	10	27	Campton	F	W	S	Housekeeper	Richmond,Can	Campton	John Elliott	Julia Southmaid
Feb. 6	Lyme	Fannie D. Storrs	83	4	22		F	W	W	Housewife	Lyme	Lyme	Isaar F. Clark	Laura H. Pike
Feb. 23	Lyme	Florence Whitcher	26	1	17	Bradford,Vt.	F	W	M	Housewife		Bradford,Vt.	A.J.C.Gray	Etta Muzzy
Feb. 28	Lyme	Charles O. Lamphere	58	5	28	Lyme	M	W	M	Farmer	Thetford,Vt.	Rutland,Vt.	Albert Lamphere	Sarah Lamphrey
Mar. 16	Lyme	George B. Langmaid	52		23	Brockton,Mass	M	W	W	Peddler	Brockton,Mass		Frank Langmaid	
Mar. 27	Hanover	Janet Dyke	34	6	7	P. E. Island,Can	F	W	M	Housewife	P.E.Island	P.E.Island	Joseph Perry	Mary Clare
Aug. 8	Grantham	Amy E. Dion	52	11	18	Springfield	F	W	W	Housewife	Springfield	Grantham	John Heath	Dalby Clark
Sept. 30	Lyme	Richard B. Pixley	81	3	5	Sharon,Vt.	M	W	M	Farmer		Plymouth	Horace Pixley	Charlotte Merrill
Sept. 30	Lyme	Sarah W. Estey	72	7	3	Hardwick,Vt.	F	W	M	Housewife	W.Danville,Vt	W.Danville,Vt.	Charles Wilby	Betsey Taylor
Nov. 24	Concord	Lewis S. Derby	84	1		Lyme	M	W	M	Farmer	Lyme	Orford	William H. Derby	Hannah Avery
Dec. 2	Lyme	Timothy B Foote	72			Thetford,Vt.	M	W	W	Farmer	Warren		Ezra B. Foote	Sarah A. Burnham

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